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FOLLOWING PARIS 34480 SENT ACTION SECSTATE NOV. 19; REPEATED  
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: FR, ENRG

SUBJECT: TWO BOMB ATTACKS ON FRENCH NUCLEAR INSTALLA-  
TIONS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: TWO RECENT NUCLEAR INCIDENTS IN  
FRANCE INDICATE INCREASING OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR  
POWER THERE. BOMBS PLANTED RESPECTIVELY IN URANIUM  
MINE IN LIMOGES (CENTRAL FRANCE) AND CERCA (COMPAGNIE  
POUR L'ETUDES ET LA REALISATION DE COMBUSTIBLES  
ATOMIQUES) HEADQUARTERS CAUSED SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS  
IN DAMAGES BUT NO INJURIES. MINING OPERATIONS WILL BE  
PARALYZED FOR SOME MONTHS. END SUMMARY

2. ON NIGHT OF 13-14 NOVEMBER (SATURDAY-SUNDAY) FIVE  
BOMBS EXPLODED IN URANIUM MINE IN MARGNAC NEAR  
LIMOGES, WRECKING FOUR BIG PUMPS AND DAMAGING MINE PIT  
HEAD BUILDING. THIS INSTALLATION IN 1975 PRODUCED  
280,000 TONS OF ORE, FROM WHICH 740 TONS NATURAL

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URANIUM EXTRACTED BY FRENCH ATOMIC ENERGY

COMMISSION. NO INDICATION YET WHEN MINE COULD GET BACK INTO PRODUCTION.

3. BY TELEPHONE CALL TO FRENCH PRESS AGENCY AND GRAFFITI ON BUILDINGS, PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN ORGANIZATION COPO (COMMANDO D'OPPOSITION PAR L'EXPLOSIF A L'AUTODESTRUCTION DE L'UNIVERS) CLAIMED CREDIT FOR EXPLOSION.

4. HEADQUARTERS OF CERCA BOMBED ON NOVEMBER 14 (SUNDAY) WITH 2 MILLION DOLLARS ESTIMATED DAMAGE TO ITS OFFICES ON 2ND OF 7-FLOOR BUILDING. THIS ATTACK HAD NOT BEEN CLAIMED BY ANYONE AS OF NOVEMBER 19.

5. THERE WERE NO INJURIES RESULTING FROM EITHER ATTACK. CEA OFFICIALS TOLD SCICOUN THAT ORGANIZATION AT LEAST NOT INTERESTED IN MAKING A CAUSE CELEBRE OF EITHER OF THEM. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT APPEARS TO THE EMBASSY THAT THE ANTI-NUCLEAR SENTIMENT IN FRANCE IS MOST DEFINITELY ON THE INCREASE. GAMMON UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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